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IS CHRISTIANITY PRACTICAL?
Conference Faces Issue.

The mid-winter religious conference for men and women of the New England colleges convened at the Northfield Schoolhouse on December 12 to 14. The principal speaker was Reverend Reinhard Neuhoff, of Ohio University, who is one of the editors of the "Christian Century.

St. Neuhoff's theme was "Why be a Christian To-day?" Beside the lecture, he told of a large number of small discussion groups which were concerned with more definite religious problems on the college campus.

Most of the delegates were apparently convinced that the ideal Christian life tends toward deepest peace and happiness; that it leads to ultimately spiritual satisfaction and comfort. The universal question which all of them were asking was: "What is a Christian? What is the Christian spirit? What elements, qualities, and attributes are involved?" This was dealt with most satisfactorily in the smaller group meetings, where other subjects besides those raised were also discussed with keen interest.

It was agreed that the Christian life means love, service, self-discipline, tolerance, and humility. To follow Christ's principles, his own life and teachings is to "live best and serve most." The life of a true Christian is active and not monastic; it is essentially meaningful and altruistic. A person may understand the principles of Christ and believe in them—but if he lives apart from his fellows—keeping Christ's doctrines entirely within himself—he is not a true Christian. The Christian spirit is not a foreign principle to be introduced into a man; it is an integral part of the substance and structure of his nature which is bound to liberate.

Can the Christian religion be translated into a college creed? Can it be made applicable? Can it become the driving power of noble life? Can it be managed to solving our concrete problems? Being intelligent young people, and intellectually, we are often torn between materialism in that we want proof and evidence for everything before we accept it. We have definite questions about life and religion and we want them answered specifically. The things we want to know can be answered for us by anyone. We find solutions only through personal experience which is bad by being. Those who have had a richer opportunity to study problems can advise us of methods by which we may arrive at conclusions but explicit answers cannot be given. Our reason cannot be bullied or reasoned into acquiescence.

"That," said Jesus, "is spirit." Man is spirit or else: Man is spirit, and the two must be in fellowship there is religion. Most of us recognize that there exists a power greater than we are. It is called spirit, or spirit—goodness, conscience, or God. The value lies not in the name but in the reality. The student of to-day believes that definite and specific elements do not matter. He feels that religion has been buried in theological fortresses of creeds and invincibles which are not real. The people's lecture was preparatory to a performance of "The Rivals".
OPEN LETTERS.

Dear Editor: Periodically I feel the urge to unburden my soul on some one of the members of the college community, and here I am again. I see the welfare of the poor Senior Class at stake, and I know that no one would ever suspect that you ever had anything like Senior Privileges to brighten your long last College lap! Therefore I propose that something be done to remedy conditions:--

1. Do Seniors always precede underclassmen as heir to their position and dignity?
   a. On entering any buildings
   b. On boarding trolley cars
   c. On arriving anywhere where age and respect are demanded.

2. Do the underclassmen (particularly the Freshmen class) ever think of offering their seats to the trolleys, and in the college career, and here I am again. The time I have the welfare of the poor Senior Class at stake, and I know that no one would ever suspect that you ever had anything like Senior Privileges to brighten your long last College lap! Therefore I propose that something be done to remedy conditions:

3. Do the lower classes really understand that flapping galoshes are a sign of maturity and responsibility?

4. For the $5.00 post-office privilege, according to the struggle that goes on to-day in the Student Council, has been elevated to our most illustrious class.

5. The hazing现象 furthertime realizes that perhaps the Seniors would enjoy going into the dining room with less shouting and pushing than is necessary at the present time?

These are some suggestions. We Seniors really hate to be old Joe Disagreeables, but after all we are getting older and more decrepit, and we do rather enjoy having our great age respected. And besides, we'll soon be leaving you all, and then maybe you'll wish that you had been a little more considerate of our feelings and privileges.

As now, dear Editor, I will close, hoping little unburdening of snobbery is as much ironic comment, but instead will awaken the latent respect of the younger collegians for their older brothers.

S. W.

Dear Editor: I have heard a good deal of discussion of the new plan for reorganization of the college, and the majority of it favored the new plan of reorganization, and the responsibility and work are concentrated on too few people. The members of the College Senate are forced to give entirely too much of their time and energy to the management of student affairs. The new plan will make a much fairer division of the work and more students will be given a chance to take part in the work of Student Government, and to understand how it operates.

One point about the new organization that should work practically well is the College Senate. By giving the underclassmen more opportunities to consider the problems of student affairs, and since the student interest will be aroused in Student Government, and this arousal of interest will lead to a greater feeling of responsibility in the observance of rules, it would be much less likely to have the rules that we ourselves have imposed.

One feature of the new organization that I do not like is the relieving of the class presidents from responsibility in any of the divisions of the organization. I believe that this policy will result in the election of a class who have no active experience for the office of class president. The girls capable of leading a class should be given a place in Student Government, and the class as an organization will not hold together so well. Will not this prove a misfortune?

To the Would-Be Student via The Connecticut: It is splendid to be young and gay and have opinions, opinions that will be young, and delightful to remember when I too had pretty little opinions, awfully positive and all that. Probably I was never quite sure of any opinion either; I would just as soon have taken mine on them all over the world. Consequently, I do feel capable of sympathizing with you in your hasty, gloomy, disillusion, wherein you seek to raise the standards of academic morality. You might just as well aim high; it really doesn't do a bit of harm.

The only real difficulty that will cross your path will be drastic criticism, of which every student is capable. There is no reason to expect; you may even enjoy it. I sometimes did. You see people always have a bias to be criticized; they never know whether or not such general criticism might not be aimed at them or not. So put it aside as being impossible, and immaterial, and what do you object? Then if you are really concerned they will think and say that the whole system is wrong, that no student has a right to any opinion other than that of a majority, or of a recognized text. I hate to put it this way, but if I were not sure of my feeling and flinging things away until your views have grown a little thicker, or, then put them out in the sunshine. Understand that you will be treated with as a sage and seer. Won't that be thrilling?

And now before I stop advising you-- I have not asked you by agreement to take my idea. It is true that education is conducted on too large a scale. I often wonder if we aren't working toward an educational revolution, which may result in a division of labor, which will make education more intimate, more on the order of the Oxford tutorial system. If a few more people recognized the utmost inadequacy of the system this might be accomplished. So, if I suggested before, hold on to your ideas, they may yet fall on an interested bystander.

An Interested Bystander.

COLLEGES SEEK TO FOSTER STUDENT GOV.-ERNMENT IN SCHOOLS.

The Women's Intercollegiate Association of Student Government of Connecticut College is a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Government, and the Intercollegiate Associations of Student Government have created a distinct, dormant section for the extension of student participation in government in high schools. For several years the two associations did this kind of work independently. In the Southern Association a Group of Schools was formed, and the college in carrying on this work, and in the Connecticut Association of College students did it. Then as the amount of work increased, the two associations realized that certain students could not do this extension work for both associations, and that many of their many other duties. They therefore voted to employ a secretary who would not only do the work for both associations, but extension work for both associations, such a secretary was secured and he work began in the fall of 1925.

Everyone always asks how the colleges happen to be doing this work for high schools. It came about in this way. College student government officials visualized how much Freshman and Sophomore schools would benefit, and simplified the Freshmen had experienced the advantages of student government in the high schools, and the interests of the people from which they came. They felt that their efforts would be repaid, if by helping secondary schools to develop such government, they would better prepare the incoming college students for the responsibilities of self-government there. It was not long, however, before the Intercollegiate Associations broadened their purpose in the extension work and saw that the chief function primary school students develop their own school government, and not management, whether or not they ever attended college.

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FURTHER CHANGES IN REORGANIZATION PLAN.

Recently, the Cabinet of Governor and Student Government has approved a new reorganization plan for the College. The plan, which was developed by a committee of faculty members, aims to strengthen the governance structure and improve the decision-making process.

The new plan includes the following changes:

1. The President of the College will serve as the chairman of the Student Senate,取代了 previous arrangement.
2. The Student Senate will have the power to initiate legislation, as opposed to the current system where the Senate must act upon proposals made by the administration.
3. The faculty will be represented in the Senate by three members, elected by their colleagues, instead of two representatives.
4. The Senate will have the authority to establish committees, which will be responsible for overseeing various aspects of College life.

The plan is expected to be implemented in the fall semester, with a series of workshops and training sessions to ensure a smooth transition.

IS CHRISTIANITY PRACTICAL?

The Debate continues...

The question of whether Christianity is practical remains a subject of intense discussion among scholars and theologians. While some argue that it provides a moral framework that is applicable to modern society, others contend that its teachings are outdated.

The Reverend Dr. Michael Thompson, a prominent theologian, has recently published a book arguing that Christianity is not only relevant but essential in navigating the complexities of contemporary life. He cites examples from history and contemporary society to support his thesis.

The debate is far from over, with many scholars expecting a continuation of this important dialogue in the coming years.
THE DANCE POPULAR. Tea Dance, the biggest social event planned by Service League, took place last Saturday evening in Colonial House and was indeed a huge success. The week-end festivities really started with a dance for the Glee Club in Colonial House on Friday evening. Keil Patch's orchestra from town provided the music. The festivities were resumed at three-thirty Saturday afternoon with a tea dance. Worthy Hill's orchestra from Hartford furnished the music for this dance. A feature of the afternoon was a solo dance by Gertrude Hanse. At six o'clock the afternoon dance ended. About twenty couple had dinner in Colonial Dining Hall and a number of couples had dinner in Thomas Dining Hall. The big climax of the week-end was, of course, Tea Dance on Saturday evening from seven-thirty till midnight. The waitresses were dressed in keeping with St. Valentine's Day. They wore short red skirts, white blouses, tiny hats, and black shoes and stockings with a red heart as a buckle on each shoe. Besides cutting in on the dancers, the waitresses were most efficient in serving coffee and cake. Louise Wall, Laura Dunham, Elizabeth Fowler, Katherine Fuster, MargaretDurke, Eleanor Whitfield, Mary Storey, Olive La Har, Carmen Guernard, Adelaide King, and Helen Little acted as waitresses. The patronesses were Mrs. Marshall, Dean Benedict, Dean Nye, and Miss Ernst.


FACULTY VOICES HEARD ON REORGANIZATION. Although Dean John L. Love has decided to reorganize, there was a decided need for reorganization. Student Council hopes to hear from other Faculty members by the end of the week, and wishes to express gratitude for cooperation shown thus far.

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BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS. The inter-class basketball season of 1826 has opened. Those who have been watching the preliminary try-outs predict that the bid for this year's championship will be greatly contested. In accordance with the new plan of A. A. Council, squads only have been chosen. First team berths will not be awarded until the end of the season. The following are the squads and the games scheduled for the season:


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